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**Latest Seasonally Unadjusted Unemployment and Job  
Estimates for Local Labor Markets in Massachusetts**

**BOSTON, MA July 25, 2017** --- Local unemployment rates increased in eighteen labor market areas and decreased in six areas in the state during the month of June, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported.

*Compared to June 2016, the rates were up in twenty-four labor market areas.*

Thirteen of the fifteen areas for which job estimates are published recorded seasonal job gains in June. The largest gains occurred in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Barnstable, Framingham, Pittsfield, and Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury areas.

*From June 2016 to June 2017, fourteen of the fifteen areas added jobs, with the largest percentage gains in the New Bedford, Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury, Boston-Cambridge-Newton, and Barnstable areas.*

*In order to compare the statewide rate to local unemployment rates, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the statewide unadjusted unemployment rate for June was 4.4 percent.*

*Last week, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported the statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.3 percent in the month of June.*

*The statewide seasonally adjusted jobs estimate showed a 10,000 job gain in June, and an over-the-year gain of 65,900 jobs.*

*The unadjusted unemployment rates and job estimates for the labor market areas reflect seasonal fluctuations and therefore may show different levels and trends than the statewide seasonally adjusted estimates.*

*The estimates for labor force, unemployment rates and jobs for Massachusetts are based on different statistical methodology specified by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

*NOTES: The preliminary July 2017 and the revised June 2017 unemployment rates, labor force data and jobs estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Thursday August 17, 2017; local unemployment statistics will be released on Tuesday, August 22, 2017. Detailed labor market information is available at [www.mass.gov/lmi](http://www.mass.gov/lmi). See the [2017 Media Advisory](#) for complete list of release dates.*

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